A Letter, or Paper,

Signed by

GARALD FITZ-GERALD,

In behalf of an Assembly of the *Irish* GRANMALIBOE in the Province of *Leinster* in *Ireland*.

To the Commissioners of PARLIAMENT delivered the [illegible] *March* 1651.

Also

A DECLARATION

thereupon, made by the said Commissioners of PARLIAMENT, *March* [illegible]. 1651.

Together with a Letter from the Earl of *Clanricard*, to the Commander in Chief of the PARLIAMENT's Forces in *Ireland*, *February* 14. 1651.

And Lieutenant General *Ludlowes* Answer thereunto, *February* 20. 1651.

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A Letter, or Paper, signed by Garald Fitz-Gerald, *in behalf of an Assembly of the* Irish *at* Glanmaliroe *in the Province of* Leinster *in* Ireland, *to the Commissioners of* Parliament: *Delivered the* 11. *of* March 1651.

Honourable Sirs,

S the horrid mischiefs (unavoidably) accompanying all Wars (though upon never so just grounds undertaken) are such and so many, and so recently experimented throughout this unfortunate Kingdom, as no man can without horror think, much less dilate on a Theam so lamentably Tragical: even so the manifold blessings derived from a firm and honourable Peace, are so obvious to each understanding, as I may not presume to trouble men of so great judgement as you are, with any Comment thereupon. Therefore to procede briefly to the purpose; Be pleased to understand, That the Kingdom is advertised from all parts, of a free and noble disposition in the Common-wealth of *England*, to grant honourable and safe conditions of Peace unto this People and Nation: to the acceptance whereof, I dare assure you of their willing and real inclinations. In order whereunto, I do in this, and other the Provinces

behalfs, request your safe Conducts unto each Province, with Blanks to Meet, Elect, and Authorize Members of the said respective Provinces, to meet with the Members so to be Elected by other the Provinces, at some convenient place within this Province, and thence to Authorize Commissioners to present Proposals to such as are or shall be thereunto Authorized by the Common-wealth of *England*, and conclude on such Transactions as shall be agreed upon. Your Garrisons, in each Province, being so obstructive, as the Members may not with safetie come together to the afore-said Purpose. Unanimitie in this kind among the Provinces, being much more conduceable to a general quiet, than the particular address of any Province apart. This, I hope and expect, will produce that so much and so passionately desired a Settlement, which ought to be the prayer and wishes of all honest and wel-affected persons. Sir *Richard Barnewall* Baronet, and Colonel *Walter Bagenall* are Authorized and imployed by the Assembly of this Province, to solicit the Contents hereof; to whom I shall request you will be pleased to give full credit in what they shall offer in that particular and other matters, it being the sence of this Province, I should signifie so much unto you; to which subscribes,

Sirs, *Your most humble servant*

GARRENCH, 20 *Feb.* 1651. GARALD FITZ-GERALD.

To the Right Honourable,

The Commissioners of the Parliament *of the Common-wealth of* England *for the affairs of* Ireland.

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A DECLARATION made in Answer to the foregoing Letter,

By the Commissioners of the Parliament *of the Commonwealth of* England *for the affairs of* Ireland.

THe said Commissioners, having on the eleventh of this instant *March*, received a Letter, or Paper directed unto them, bearing date the 20. of *Febr.* 1651. requesting on the behalf of the Provinces of *Ireland*, safe Conducts unto each Province with Blanks; to Meet, Elect, and Authorize Members of each Province, to meet in some convenient place, for offering Proposals to such as are or shall be Authorized by the Common-wealth of *England* for the settlement of this Nation. Which said Paper, or Letter is subscribed by one *Garald Fitz-Gerald*, under pretence of an Authoritie, which the said Commissioners cannot in Dutie and with Honour to the *Parliament* acknowledge; Yet for the satisfaction of those that may seem to be concerned therein, They do Declare,

I. First, That the Settlement of this Nation doth

of right belong to the *Parliament* of the Common-wealth of *England* onely, the consideration whereof, is at present before them.

II. Secondly, That in the Settlement thereof, the *Parliament* will make distinction between such Persons as have lived peaceably according to their duties, or (being misled) have since submitted to their Authoritie and Protection, and those who have Acted or Abetted the Murthers and Massacres of the Protestants, and those that adhered to them during the first year of the Rebellion, and likewise such Persons as now being in Arms and Opposition to the said Authoritie, shall not timely submit thereunto. And therefore the said Commissioners cannot in justice give way to any Act, so much to the prejudice of the People of this Nation, as may involve those that are peaceably minded, with them who continue in Hostilitie.

III. Thirdly, That to grant safe Conduct and Blank Passes unto such as are in actual Hostility against the *Parliament*, to meet together from all the Provinces to communicate Counsels, is an Act, to which the said Commissioners cannot in prudence consent.

IV. Fourthly, That for such Persons as now are in actual Hostilitie against the *Parliament*, and are willing to lay down Arms, and submit to the Authoritie thereof, upon timely Application made to the *Parliaments* Ministers here, on behalf of particular Persons or Places, such moderate terms will be consented unto as Men in their condition can in reason expect.
Dated at *Dublin* the 12. of *March* 1651.

Miles Corbet. *Io. Iones.* *Iohn Weaver.*

The

The Earl of *Clanricards* Letter to the *Commander in Chief* of the Parliaments Forces in *Ireland*, 14. *Febr.* 1651.

Sir,

SEveral of the Nobilitie, Clergie, and other Persons of qualitie and intereſt in the Kingdom, together with the Corporation of *Galloway*, being met in this Town, and having taken into their conſideration, the preſent State and Condition of Affairs, and the deſtructive Effects of a long-continued War, have made it their ſuit and requeſt unto me, to propoſe unto you the entertaining of a Treatie, in order to a Settlement in this Kingdom, and for your ſafe Conduct to ſuch Commiſſioners, as I by their advice ſhall think fit to imploy unto you, for the carrying on of that matter; which requeſt of theirs I have condeſcended unto by this Expreſs directed to you to that effect, with this further intimation, That I ſhall not quit or decline them or their intereſts, until I ſee them ſettled in a good Condition, fit for the Nation to accept: or if that will be denied them, reſolved to continue his Majeſties Authoritie and Protection over them to the uttermoſt trial; and do not doubt, by Gods aſſiſtance, with the Forces and Arms we have alreadie, and ſuch ayds and ſupplies, probably may come from

from his Majeſtie and his Allies abroad, but that we may be ſo enabled as to alter the preſent ſtate of Affairs, or if that ſhould fail, at leaſt make the Conqueſt you have hitherto gained, for a long time, of little uſe or advantage to you; and ſel our lives at a dear rate if compelled thereto. And ſo leaving it to your conſideration, and expecting your timely Anſwer and certain Reſolution, I remain

Your ſervant

GALLWAY,
14. *Febr.*1651. *CLANRICARD.*

If you pleaſe to ſend the ſafe Conduct deſired, I deſire it may be ſent to Sir *Charls Coote*, or any other you ſhall think fit near this place, with a Blank for the number of five Commiſſioners & their retinue, not exceeding in the whole the number of twentie; whereby, upon intimation from him, I may ſend him a Liſt of the names of the Commiſſioners.

To the Commander in Chief of the Parliaments *Forces in* IRELAND.

Lieutenant

Lieutenant General Ludlowes *Answer to the Earl of* Clanricards *Letter*, 20. Febr. 1651.

My Lord,

BY your Lordships of the 14. instant, you propose unto me the entertainment of a Treatie, in order to a Settlement of this Kingdom; and do desire my safe Conduct for such Commissioners, as you shall think fit to imploy unto me, for the carrying on of that matter. Whereunto, upon advice with the Commissioners of the *Parliament* of *England*, and divers General and Field-Officers of their Armie, I have thought fit to give you this return: That the Settlement of this Nation doth of Right belong to the *Parliament* of the Common-wealth of *England*, to whom we leave the same, being assured they will not therein capitulate with those who ought to be in submission, yet stand in opposition to their Authoritie: but if the Lord have that mercie in store for any who are at present in Arms against them, as to incline their hearts to a submission to that Government, which he by his Providence hath placed over them, upon timely Application made to their Ministers here, on the behalf of particular Persons or Places, such moderate terms will yet be consented unto, as men in their con-

dition can rationally expect. As to the intimation of your future hopes and resolutions, I shall onely say thus much, That it hath been the practice of those who have served the *Parliament* in this Cause, to act according to their Dutie, and to leave the success to him who disposeth the issues of all things; and as the Lord hath hitherto enabled them exemplarily, to proceed against those whose hearts have been hardened upon vain and groundless expectations, to withstand offers of such favour as have been made unto them, so I assure my self he will still own them in his own way and work: Wherein that we may be continually found, is the desire of

Your Lordships humble servant,

DUBLIN, 20. *Feb.* 1651.

EDM. LUDLOWE.

For the Lord of Clanricard.

FINIS.

A Second Paper, delivered unto the Commissioners of *Parliament*, by Sir *Rich. Barnwall* and Colonel *Walter Bagenall*, and the said Commissioners Answer thereunto.

Further *Proposals* offered, In pursuance of the Authoritie given us.

To the Right Honourable, the Commissioners of the Parliament of the *Common-wealth of* England *for the affairs of* Ireland.

BEing inhibited to Reply to your Honors Answer of the twelfth of this present, onely to offer what further we had in charge; In pursuance whereof, not being satisfied by your Honours Answer, how far your Honours are im-

powvered to Treat in order to the Settlement and Peace of this Nation, We desire you vvill be pleased to make the same knovvn unto us, that if qualified vvith Authoritie for carrying on so good a Work, Safe Conducts be given to such Persons, as by the Provinces shall be nominated, to Convean at time and Place convenient, when and where your Honours shall think fit. Whereupon the Province of *Leinster*, with such as shall make their joyn't Addresses, will endeavor by all good means, the setting on so happie a work, conducing to a General Quiet, and prevention of the great effusion of much Christian bloud, by a voluntarie Subjection, as well of Hearts, as Arms; the onely means to Advantage, make Stable and Glorious the Government of the *Parliament* in this Kingdom. Which offers, if your Honours may not assent unto, That safe Conducts be granted to such Persons as shall be appointed, to make their Applications to the *Parliament* of ENGLAND.

Dated the 15. of *March*, 1651.

R. Barnewall. Walter Bagenall.

The

The Commiſsioners of *Parliaments* Anſwer to the fore-going *Propoſals*.

IRELAND.

By the Commiſsioners of the Parliament *of the Commonwealth of* England *for the affairs of* Ireland.

UPon Conſideration had, of the Paper this day produced by Sr *Richard Barnewall*, and Colonel *Bagenall*, the ſaid Commiſsioners do return this Anſwer enſuing:

Firſt, as to the making known the Power of the ſaid Commiſsioners, as is deſired, they do not hold the ſame fitting, or reaſonable: But ſuch of this Nation, whoſe hearts God ſhall encline to a timely and free Submiſsion to the Power of the *Parliament*, thoſe Perſons ſhall effectually know the Authoritie of the ſaid Commiſsioners, to grant ſuch juſt things, as ſhall be rationally deſired, and do truſt, the Lord

will enable the *Parliament* and their Miniſters here, to make ſuch others, whoſe hearts ſhall be ſtill hardened to their further deſtruction, ſenſible of the Power God hath put into their hands.

And as to the granting Paſſes to any Perſons to go to the *Parliament*, to Negotiate for the Settlement of the whole Nation, the ſaid Commiſsioners do not think it fitting, it not ſtanding with the Honour and Iuſtice of the *Parliament*, to Treat about the Settlement of the Nation, with ſuch as, contrarie to their Dutie, are in Hoſtilitie againſt them.

As to the reſidue of the ſaid Matter contained in the ſaid Paper, the ſaid Commiſsioners have given Anſvver thereunto in a former Paper of the 11. inſtant: to vvhich they referre themſelves.

Dated at *Dublin* 15 of *March*, 1651.

Edm. Ludlowe. *Miles Corbet.*
Jo. Jones. *John Weaver.*

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